Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, May 4th, 1885

The City Council met on the 4th inst, there being present Mayor Becher in the chair; Ald. Taylor, Watson. Green, Cowan, Kingston, Stringer, Hodgins, Christie, Scarrow, Browne, Hook, O'Meara.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communications were read:—

From Mayor Lilley, regarding the watering of Dundas street in London East Referred to No. 3 Committee.

From Geo. Taylor, C. W. Mitchell, and J. W. McIntosh, for remission of taxes, and from Paul Cook, asking for an extension of time for paying taxes. Referred to No 1 Committee.

From James Smith and a number of others, petitioning against the watering of York street, from Ridout to Thames street. Referred to No. 3 Committee.

From Joseph Dudley, calling attention to the petition against the sewer on Gray st, between Clarence and Wellington sts. No. 2.

From the United St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, asking for the use of part of the Exhibition Grounds for holding their annual games on August 20th, and for permission to erect temporary seats, etc. No. 2.

From Catherine McDermott, asking for an extension of time till October 1st for payment of taxes for 1884 on her property on the east side of Cartwright street. Referred to No. 1 Committee.

From Rev. M. J. Tierman, applying for use of City Hall on June 2, 3 and 4 for the holding of social entertainments by the ladies of the congregation in aid of the new cathedral. The free use of the Hall was granted on motion of Ald. Stringer, seconded by Ald. Taylor.

Ald. Green objected on the ground that it was breaking a strict rule of the Council.

From Robert McGirdy, asking for an extension of time for payment of his taxes. No. 1.

From William Mason, asking for re-appointment as special constable for enforcing the cow by-law.

Mr. Mason received the appointment on motion of Ald. Stringer.

Re Beck Bros., regarding exemption from taxes of their cigar box factory. Referred to No. 1 Committee.

VOLUNTEER RELIEF.

Ald. Kingston, Chairman of the Special Committee of relieving the families of volunteers, reported as follows:—

Your Special Committee appointed to make provision for the families of each members of the 7th Fusiliers Battalion, at present in service in the North-west, as might need assistance, beg leave to report.

1—That your Committee took the privilege of consulting with and adding to their number the following citizens, namely:—Messrs. Hyman, Gibbons, Vallier, B Cronyn. Birrell, Skinner, Labatt, Cols. Lewis and Macbeth and Sheriff Glass.

2—Your Committee requested the Councils of London East, London West and Westminster, to provide for the families of absent volunteers within their respective municipalities, and though promises of support were given, your Committee feel bound to report that London East alone made suitable provision for said families.

3—That assistance has been granted as follows:—London West, six families, aggregating per week $16; Westminister, one family, $4; city families, $167.50; total weekly allowance, $187.50.

4—That in addition to the said weekly allowance special grants were made in twelve cases, amounting in all to $60.

A schedule of the names of recipients of relief was submitted and referred to the Treasurer.

Received and adopted.

THE FAIR GROUNDS.

Mayor Becher reported that Col. Aylmer had called on him, and stated that he had received instructions from the Government to open negotiations for the exchange of the present Military Grounds for others suitable for their purpose. His Worship believed the Military School would be established here sooner or later.

Ald. Kingston moved "That it is inexpedient to request the citizens to choose